Setting up one man Enquiry Committee

*417. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set-up one man enquiry committee headed by the Director, Ministry of Mines to investigate certain grievances of contractors against BALCO, Korba, during April-June, 1995; and

(b) if so, the findings of the said one man enquiry committee?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) A one man enquiry Committee headed by Director, Ministry of Mines was set-up to investigate the various issues raised in the representations made by M/s Chacko & Co.

(b) The Committee has since submitted the report in two parts which have *inter-alia* recommended certain payments for which M/s Chacko & Co. have become entitled and deduction of certain amounts etc. It has been decided to forward the copies of both the parts of the report to BALCO (Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd.) for taking necessary action at their level since the payments/disputes between the Company and contractor, are to be sorted out as per terms of Agreement. The Committee had identified certain disputes between BALCO and the contractor i.e. M/s Chacko & Co. regarding release of payments/ with-holding of payments etc. concerning execution/grant of some contracts like replacement of corroded steel structure and roof sheeting in foundry shop and other places, annual rate contract for repairing of Cathode Shells and Duck Plate, Civil work for 220 KV Switch Yard, and construction of Crusher building Civil foundation work of conveyor supports etc. BALCO have informed that some of the contracts which were looked into by the one man Committee are under arbitration under the orders of the court, and the other contracts are under arbitration under BALCO's notification.

Central Nodal Agency for Implementatation of Poverty Alleviation Schemes

*418. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high power expert committee headed by Ms. Krishna Singh, Advisor to Planning Commission (Urban Affairs) has recommended constitution of a Central Nodal agency to implement all the poverty alleviation schemes of various Ministries;

(b) if so, the details of the poverty alleviation schemes proposed to be brought under the nodal agency; and

(c) the decision taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission has not set up a high power expert committee headed by Ms. Krishna Singh, Adviser, Planning Commission. However, a committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.R. Hashim, Member, Planning Commission to Review and Rationalise Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation. The programmes/ schemes of the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment Ministry of Welfare, Department of Small Scale Industries, Agro & Rural Industries and Department of Women & Child Development were examined by the Committee. After a detailed review of these schemes the Committee has recommended streamlining the existing schemes and rationalisation of norms and procedures for their implementation. There is no proposal in the Report to bring all the poverty alleviation schemes under a single Central nodal agency. The Committee has since submitted its Report to the Government.